

6/21/96

RECORD OF DISCUSSION
BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
AND THE
JAPANESE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

**CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE RADIATION EFFECTS RESEARCH
FOUNDATION**

1. Recognizing that the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (the Foundation) is a unique research institution co-funded by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare (collectively, the Participants), the Participants will continue to support the scientific research as well as the rational operation of the Foundation, in order to contribute further to worldwide radiation effects studies. The official Exchange of Notes remains unchanged.

2. The Blue Ribbon Panel has stated that the Foundation's Adult Health Studies and F-1 Studies are a direct benefit to the A-bomb survivors. In this context, the Participants believe that it is appropriate to exclude those two areas from the Foundation's equally funded research. The Adult Health Studies and F-1 Studies will continue to be conducted at and by the Foundation as measures of relief for A-bomb survivors.

3. The Participants will continue to fund on an equal basis the research activities of the Foundation other than the Adult Health Studies and F-1 Studies.

4. The Foundation should strengthen the scientific peer review process while establishing a closer relationship with other institutions both within Japan and worldwide.

5. The DOE will use its best efforts to secure budgetary appropriations of fourteen million dollars (U.S. \$14,000,000.00) for the operation of the Foundation in each of the next five (5) years.

6. The DOE will continue its efforts to explore alternative sources of funding for the Foundation.

7. Further review of Foundation will be pursued while providing a stable and secure environment for research activities.

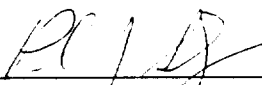
8. The employees of the Foundation will be permitted to join the Japanese Welfare Pension Fund (the Fund). The cost of such participation in the Fund will be paid from the Foundation's annually budgeted funds.

9. The number of United States full-time directors will be reduced from two to one.

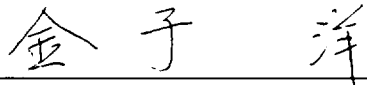
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